

number of groups of the entire vocabulary, less than said plurality, is searched for a word during subsequent speech recognition processes in the mobile telephone after selection of at least the first of said plurality of groups of words.

6. (*Unamended*) A method of speech recognition comprising:

providing a speech recognition system of a mobile telephone comprising a stored vocabulary, wherein the words in the stored vocabulary are arranged in a trellis structure comprising a plurality of different groups of words,

providing a word group selection system for enabling a user to speak via voice commands to select at least a first of said plurality of different groups of words, said first group of words being selected based upon at least a word spoken by the user, so that only one group or a limited number of groups of the entire vocabulary less than said plurality is searched for a word during certain subsequent speech recognition processes in the mobile telephone after selection of at least the first of said plurality of groups of words.

12. (*Unamended*) A speech recognition system in a mobile telephone, the speech recognition system comprising:

means for storing a word vocabulary in trellis tree structure, wherein words in the vocabulary are arranged in a plurality of different groups of words,

word group selection means for enabling a user to speak via voice commands into the mobile telephone to select a first of said plurality of different groups of words, said first group of words being selected based upon at least a word spoken by the user, and